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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 2 July 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the military forces of the Republic of Armenia, recorded for the month of June 2010 (see annex).

As is known, a fragile ceasefire in the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict was put in place in May 1994. However, facts testify that the Armenian side regularly and deliberately violates the ceasefire by attacking and killing Azerbaijani soldiers as well as civilians residing in the territories adjacent to the Line of Contact. Over the last years, such violations have become more frequent and violent. Thus, on 18 June 2010 the occupying armed forces of Armenia committed a provocative action on the Line of Contact, resulting in casualties from both sides.

The incident took place immediately after the meeting between the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan, held in St. Petersburg on 17 June 2010 at the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation to pursue the dialogue between the parties on the settlement of the conflict. In their statement released on 21 June 2010 in regard to the aforementioned ceasefire violation, the Co-Chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group pointed out, inter alia, that "[t]he use of military force, particularly at this moment, can only be seen as an attempt to damage the peace process". It is no coincidence that the next day after the meeting in St. Petersburg and the same day as the armed provocation on the Line of Contact the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations forwarded a letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (A/64/838-S/2010/326). The content of this letter is yet another solid piece of evidence of Armenia's annexationist intentions and its unwillingness to settle the conflict in accordance with international law, by political means and in a constructive manner.

By asserting that "the people of Nagorno-Karabakh have realized the right to self-determination in full compliance with the principles of international law", the

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Permanent Representative of Armenia acknowledges, in other words, that the Armenian side considers the conflict settlement process only as a means of securing the annexation of Azerbaijani territories that it has captured through military force and in which it has carried out ethnic cleansing.

In addition, the aforementioned letter contains reference to the so-called Madrid principles developed by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, but at the same time passes over in silence that Armenia has not yet clarified whether it accepts these principles in their entirety.

It is obvious that by resorting to provocative and destabilizing actions on the Line of Contact and by misleading the international community as to the origin and essence of the conflict, Armenia attempts to discredit the ongoing political process, at the core of which is the settlement formula based on putting an end to illegal Armenian occupation, restoration of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and ensuring the peaceful coexistence of Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region within the territorial framework of Azerbaijan.

I would also like to draw your attention to the letter dated 25 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia addressed to the Secretary-General containing the statement by the subordinate separatist regime illegally created by Armenia, the occupying Power, in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan (A/64/849-S/2010/339).

The circulation by Armenia of a document on behalf of the illegal entity is illustrative of its consistent disrespect of the Charter of the United Nations and fundamental principles of international law.

It is obvious that, apart from attempts aimed at misleading the international community, the official Yerevan purports also to draw the attention of its own public away from Armenia's aggravating international isolation. The reasons behind the irresponsible actions of the Armenian side are reflected in, inter alia, a series of documents recently adopted by authoritative international organizations, such as the resolution of the European Parliament dated 20 May 2010 on the need for a European Union strategy for the South Caucasus and the unanimous condemnation by the international community of the illegal "parliamentary elections" held on 23 May 2010 in the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan (see A/64/851-S/2010/345).

Azerbaijan once again expresses its regret that Armenia, instead of contributing to the ongoing political process with a view to finding as soon as possible a durable solution to the conflict based on the norms and principles of international law, gives preference to dangerous provocations and outrageous falsifications. Armenia must finally realize that there is no alternative other than putting a prompt end to its illegal occupation of Azerbaijani territories and negotiating in good faith the perspectives of peace, stability and cooperation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 18, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Agshin **Mehdiyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 2 July 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violation of the ceasefire by the military forces of the Republic of Armenia,[1] recorded for the month of June 2010

Date	*Time*	*Direction*	*Fire point area*	*Used Weapons*	*Casualties & Damages*
1 June	00.00-00.15		Sarijali and Javahirli villages, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	12:00-12:30 16:10-16:25		Gorgan village, Azerbaijan, Fuzuli region	Firearm & Machine gun	—
2 June	00.30-00.40		Javashirli village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	00:45-01:00 00:55-01:15		Gorgan village, Azerbaijan, Fuzuli region	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	15.20-15.40		Unknown heights, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	22.40-23.20		Chayli village, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
4 June	17:12-17:20		Kuropatkino village, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
5 June	01:45-01:55		Unknown heights, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	00:05-00:10 02:10-02:30		Garakhanbayli village	Firearm & Machine gun	—
6 June	12.00-12.45 16.30-17.30		Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
7 June	05.00-05.10		Chilabort village, Tartar region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	17.50-18.35		Talish village, Tartar region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—

[1] Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or close to fire point areas.

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	23.30-23.40		Sarijali village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
8 June	15.45-16.30		Gulustan village, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	19.34-19.40		Unknown heights, Khojavend region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
10 June	00.00-00.16 00.30-00.50		Giziloba and Chayli villages, Tartar region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	20.20-20.25		Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	22.20-22.25 22.40-22.55		Kurapatkino village, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
11 June	15.30-15.45 15.40-15.55		Unknown heights, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	12.05-12.25 14.00-14.15 18.00-18.25 20.00-21.30		Unknown heights, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
13 June	01.15-01.30		Giziloba village, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	08.10-08.30 13.20-13.40 15.00-15.20 19.50-20.00		Unknown heights, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	16.30-16.35		Unknown heights, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
14 June	20:45-20:50		Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
15 June	02:05-02:10 09.00-09.25 11.30-11.35		Unknown heights, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—

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	20.20-20.30		Javahirli village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	21.20-21.25		Jilaburt village, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
17 June	21:00-21:30 22:45-23:00		Horadiz and Ashagi Veysalli villages, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	22.50-23.00		Garakhanbayli village, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	Khan Yusifov
	23:45-23:50		Sarijali village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
18 June	14.00-14.20		Marzili village, Aghdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	14.00-14.21		Kuropatkino village, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	17.00-17.10		Unknown heights, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	23:30		Chayli village,Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	Mubariz Ibrahimov
19 June	01.30-01.35		Unknown heights, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
20 June	08:50-10:45		Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	21.40-21.45 21.45-22.00		Garakhanbayli and Ashagi Abdulrahmanli villages, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan		
21 June	16.30-16.40 21.30-21.35 23.00-23.15		Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	19.05-19.10		Goranboy region	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	23.35-23.50		Sarijali village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan		

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22 June	17.40-17.50 21.40-21.45 23.35-23.50 00.10-00.15 00.30-00.50 04.15-04.30		Ashagi Abdulrahmanli, Ashagi Veysalli, Garakhanbayli, Ashagi Seyidahmadli villages, Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	04.00-04.20		Giziloba village, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
23 June	13.10-13.25		Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	12.55-13.20 15.05-15.20 15.05-15.40		Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
24 June	10.00-10.35 21.50-22.10 22.50-23.10 01.00-01.30		Fuzuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	02.05-02.25 02.20-02.30 02.00-02.20		Kangarli and Sarijali villages, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	03.45-04.20 03.40-04.15		Giziloba and Seysulan villages, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	11:10-11:20 21:05-21:15		Unknown heights, village of Ashaghi Abdulrahmanli, Fizuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
25 June	06:00-06:15 07:50-08:30		Unknown heights, village of Ashaghi Abdulrahmanli, Fizuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	22:30-22:40		Unknown heights, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	00:25-00:50		Yusifjanli and Javahirli villages, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	01:30-01:45		Chayli village, Terter region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—

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	08:05-08:35 14:05-14:25 16:15-16:45		Unknown heights, Gulustan and Tapgaragoyunlu villages, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
26 June	17:05-17:15 21:30-21:45 23:50-00:15 00:23-00:45		Unknown heights, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Ashagi Sayidahmadli villages, Fizuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	09:40-09:55		Unknown heights, Jabrayil region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	01:30-01:48		Unknown heights, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	04:20-05:10		Tagibayli village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	00:40-01:40		Chayli, Hasangaya, Yarimja, Giziloba and Seysulam villages, Tartar region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
27 June	07:40-08:15 16:10-16:40 18:25-18:40 20:40-20:50		Tapgaragoyunlu and Gulustan villages, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	03:00-03:55 19:30-19:35		Unknown heights, Jabrayil region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
28 June	01:40-02:00 12:00-12:15 22:35-22:50		Javahirli village, Agdam region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	10:00-10:30 22.55-23.15 23.35-23.55		Ashaghi Abdurrahmanli, Gorgan, Horadiz and Ashaghi Seyidahmadli villages, Fizuli region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—

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	17.30-17.35 00.30-00.40		Sarijali, Yusifjanli and Garagashli villages, Khojavand region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
29 June	00.40-00.55 02.40-02.55		Gulustan and Tapgaragoyunlu villages, Goranboy region, Azerbaijan	Firearm & Machine gun	—
	13.40-14.25 19.50-20.20				